GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CLEANING OF SEA
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in flow of waste in sea is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far to check this trend;

(c) whether the Government is working on any project to keep all the three sea shores clean; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The steps/projects taken by the Government to check inflow of waste streams into the sea and mitigate pollution include the following:

(i) Notification of standards for marine outfall;

(ii) Regular monitoring of industrial effluents;

(iii) Special drive for 17 categories of highly polluting industries;

(iv) Promotion of low-waste and non-waste technology for production;

(v) Setting up of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for industrial cluster;

(vi) Constitution of Coastal Zone Management Authorities for enforcing the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 which inter-alia, prohibits discharge of untreated effluent in the coastal areas and dumping of municipal waste in coastal areas.

(vii) fnventorisation of polluting sources along the coast of India under Coastal-Ocean Monitoring and Prediction system.

(viii) Preparation of a National Action Plan for prevention of pollution of coastal and marine waters from land based activities.